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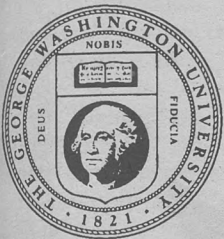
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University alcohol violations on the rise

BY T. EDDIE SISK
HATCHET REPORTER

GW has seen a 10.7 percent rise in alcohol-related violations on campus during the past year.

Student Judicial Services has already seen an estimated 250 alcohol-related referrals this year, up from 120 during all of 1995.

The University is responding by attempting to increase student awareness of the dangers of alcohol, especially for first-year students.

Organizations have sponsored numerous awareness nights and educational sessions on campus, beginning with an alcohol awareness night hosted by the Mitchell Hall resident assistants.

The awareness night featured members of University Police, Metropolitan Police and the Emergency Medical Response Group, who explained their roles and responsibilities in the prosecution and prevention of underage drinking on campus.

MPD explained that underage drinkers are treated like other criminal offenders — mug shots are taken and they are fingerprinted.

Officers also explained that "District laws are now especially

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D.C. police raid local bars

18 minors arrested for underage drinking, fake IDs

BY ANNE MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

At least 18 minors were arrested Saturday night when neighborhood bars were subjected to an Alcoholic Beverage Control Board crackdown in the first action of what police say is a concerted effort to curb underage drinking in the District.

Police could not confirm that any GW students were implicated in the raids, although the bars involved are often frequented by University students.

ABC officers combined with other District police departments to infiltrate the establishments in plain clothes to monitor the crowd and make arrests when necessary.

They visited seven bars and

made arrests in five of them.

In such instances, officers "go in and pay our cover charge. We circulate and keep our eyes open for anyone who consumes alcohol ... and looks to be underage," said Metropolitan Police Lt. Ira Grossman, who coordinated the police action.

Grossman said those arrested may attend nearby GW, American and Georgetown universities, but he did not have a breakdown by school.

He considers this weekend's raid "a warning before Halloween, before Thanksgiving, before the holidays," but said he hopes to conduct similar investigations in the future.

"We hope to start doing it more often," he said.

"The Code of Conduct has rules

regarding (underage drinking)," said GW Dean of Students Linda Donnels.

"I'd like for students to be aware, that document is taken seriously, and that if people are caught (drinking or possessing false identification) they'll end up with an arrest record and end up in jail," Donnels said. "I would at least want to counsel (any GW students caught drinking), but if someone's arrested for these things it's a criminal matter."

Those arrested were aged 18 to 20, according to The Washington Post. They were "released via citation," Grossman said. That allowed students to forgo a night in jail by

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Evans sees himself in District's future

Councilman wants to limit services

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM AND
JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

If a picture tells a thousand words, then one could write an entire book from the walls of Ward 2 City Councilmember Jack Evans' office.

The walls of Evans' office are covered with pictures of him with the movers and shakers of Washington. The smiling faces of President Clinton, Jack Kemp, Newt Gingrich, Abe Pollin, Tipper Gore, Barbara Bush and Ted Kennedy greet visitors, all overshadowed by a huge poster of Robert Kennedy.

Awards from groups ranging from the Whitman-Walker Clinic to the Rotary Club are strewn about. Evans even managed to acquire a GW armchair, representing his ward's largest employer, often one of the biggest thorns in his side.

But perhaps most puzzling are the smiling mugs of Evans and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, the two standing hand in hand. Perhaps when the picture was taken, Barry didn't know he was next to a man who wants to send him packing in 1998.

Evans has made no secret he has his eye on the mayor's office in two years, and he was unusually critical

of a mayor from his own party. "There's a lack of leadership at the top," Evans said. "We need a new mayor. He can set the tone for how things should be done, and that's not happening. The problem certainly starts there."

"There needs to be four priorities for this city"

The District arguably has one of the most unique and dysfunctional political arrangements in the country. The two-year-old financial control board has added another bureaucratic step to what is already a legislative nightmare.

The many sides of Jack Evans

last of a three part series

as to citizens," said GW political science professor Jeffrey Henig. "The District is operating under a control board, which has certain designated powers, but no one is really sure how far they legally can go and how far they're willing to go politically."

On the 13-member City Council, eight councilmembers representing eight wards and five members holding at-large seats fight to have a say in the future of this cash-strapped city. In addition, they're trying to make a name for themselves.

Evans said the Council suffers from a "clash of philosophies" as

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Colonial Women boot way to top 20

Senior Tanya Vogel helps kick the GW women's soccer team into high gear as one of the nation's elite teams. (See story, p. 14.)

Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Hospital likely to be sold Friday

Buyout may result in drastic alterations to medical facility

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University expects to finalize a deal to sell the GW Hospital this week, officials said Wednesday.

A deal is "imminent," sources close to the negotiations said.

"There is a strong likelihood" that a deal will be made on Friday, President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said, adding that GW's Board of Trustees is scheduled to discuss a potential sale at its meeting Friday.

The Board has final say over any deals involving the medical facility, but Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz and Vice President for Medical Affairs Alan Weingold will make recommendations to the group.

Trachtenberg said the Board will consider four pro-

posals, each of which would involve a deal with a different health care company.

Officials acknowledged that at least one of the proposals would involve scaling back the function of the GW Hospital's on-campus facility.

Under this plan, medical students would primarily train at a different facility in the city, and the hospital would serve only as an out-patient treatment center and an emergency room.

Katz said the University would prefer to keep the GW Hospital functioning as a teaching facility.

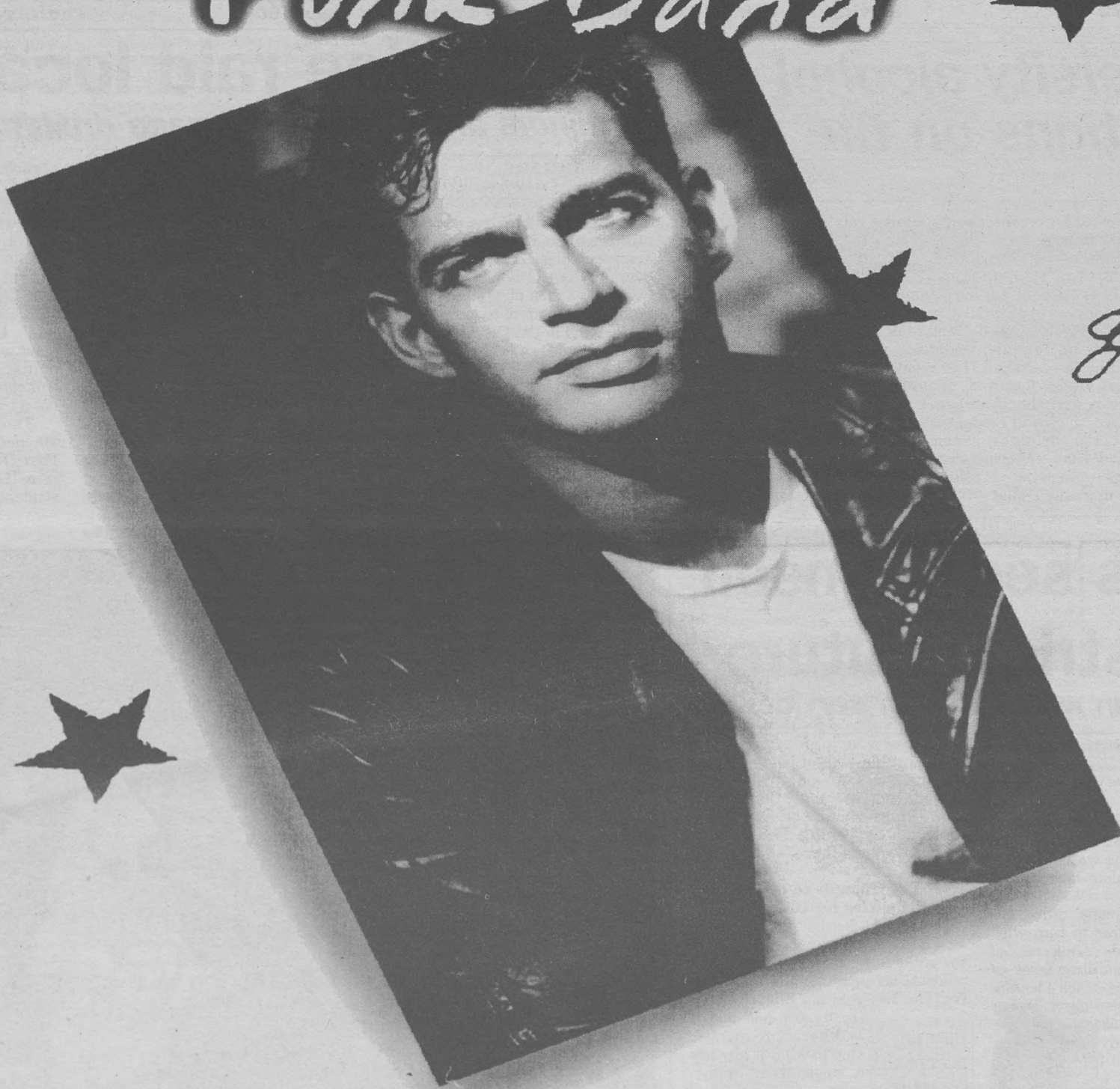
"Our intention, if possible, would be to have the hospital open on this site," Katz said.

He also emphasized that any deal will have to ensure the future of the School of Medicine and Health

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Choate upbraids rival parties

Candidate questions DNC and Republican monetary sources

BY PATRICK PRESTON
HATCHET REPORTER

Pat Choate, Ross Perot's running mate and adjunct professor in GW's Graduate School of Political Management, discussed the questionable campaign financing practices of Republicans and Democrats Monday at the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre.

Reform Party supporters gave Choate a warm welcome to the approximately half-full theater for his speech entitled "Saving Representative Democracy."

"There is a problem with the way we finance elections, the way public figures advance their careers," said Choate, the Reform Party vice presidential candidate.

"Money decides who runs, who wins, what our public officials do."

Focal points of Choate's attacks included congressional freshmen, the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, the Democratic National Committee, President Clinton and Bob Dole.

Choate used humor throughout his address to bring home his point. At one point, he referred to the hypocrisy of a statue in D.C. erected in honor of a major campaign contributor to several politicians, who is also a Japanese war criminal, before driving home his point.

"Why isn't anyone taking a

look at the sources of money?" Choate asked the audience.

Fund-raising became a major political issue when the Republican and Democratic parties disclosed contributions totaling \$3.5 million from foreign interests.

He also questioned the DNC's \$140,000 fund-raiser at a Buddhist temple in Los Angeles, a \$250,000 contribution from a Korean company, which the DNC returned, and a contribution package of \$450,000 given to the DNC from an Indonesian couple with ties to the Lippo Group, an Indonesian banking cartel.

Choate characterized the actions of the Republicans and Democrats as "an attempt to steal the election."

He added that such acts were "fraud, criminal, impeachable offenses ... theft from the American people."

"I wanted to highlight the foreign money corruption and to ask for public support for providing a special prosecutor to go after violators of campaign financing laws," he said when asked what he had hoped to achieve in his speech.

Choate quoted Richard Reeves, a New York Times writer, saying, "When we get tough, (politicians) get honest."

"Folks, we have not been tough, and our politicians have not been honest."

Choate addressed the reasons why people should support the Reform Party and vote for the Perot-Choate ticket during the closing minutes of speech.

The three key goals the Reform Party wants to accomplish in this election are "attempting to elect Ross Perot, building a new force in America - a third party, the Reform party - and bringing the issues of our time to the attention of the American people," Choate said.

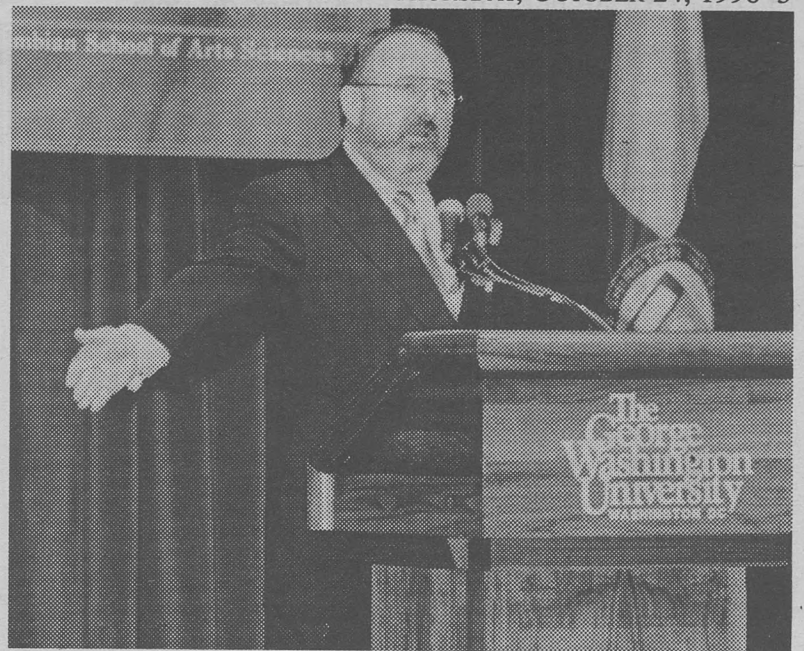
"On Nov. 5 you can have change. All you have to do is vote for the Reform Party," he said. "We've been kept out of the debates, out of primetime. We are not receiving equal media attention, but we are on every ballot."

Christopher Arterton, GSPM dean, spoke about the goals of Monday's speech.

"The goal was to provide attention to the existence of a third party candidate, and to give an adjunct faculty member a chance to return home and make a presentation about the state of the (campaign)," he said.

Choate was candid about his chances in the race when he later said, "Win or lose, I will probably be back to teach here next spring."

He closed by saying that in light of the C-SPAN cameras in attendance, he'd like to take the opportunity to wish his mother a happy birthday.



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

Reform Party vice presidential candidate and GW adjunct professor Pat Choate.

Choate will not appear on Maryland, N.J. ballots

GW professor and Reform Party vice presidential nominee Pat Choate will not appear on some election ballots this fall.

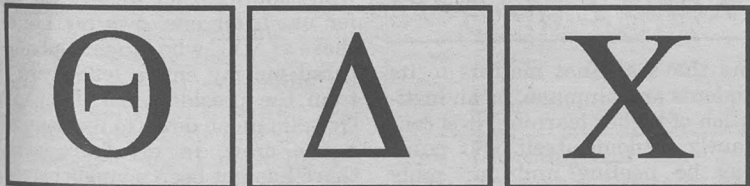
Choate's name will not appear on several state ballots, including Maryland and New Jersey, because he was not announced as Perot's running mate before the deadline to print the ballots, according to Jane Vinson, public relations director Reform Party of Maryland. Choate was named the vice presidential nominee in a Perot

infomercial on Oct. 10.

Choate has taught advanced issues management at the GW Graduate School of Political Management for the past three years, although he is not teaching this semester.

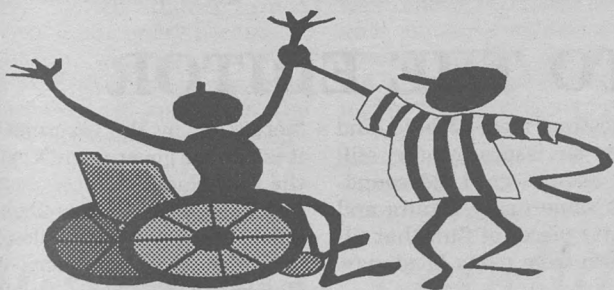
After establishing himself as a vocal opponent of free trade, Choate co-wrote a book with Perot two years ago, arguing against the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

-Jim Geraghty



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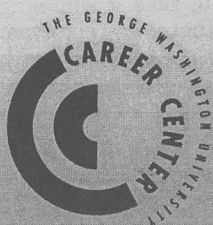
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To drink ...

This past weekend, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and Metropolitan Police busted seven area bars, many of which are frequented by GW students. Almost 20 students were arrested for underage drinking or possessing fake IDs.

We don't want to question the ABC's and MPD's actions. The law says only those 21 years of age or older may drink alcohol, and they were enforcing it. What we do want to question is the logic of the law itself.

At the age of 18, Americans can be drafted into the military and perhaps die for their country. We can exercise our right to vote for President. But we cannot legally drink a beer. There's something wrong here.

The law ought to be changed. There's no real chance right now that it will be – after the age was raised to 21, drunk driving accidents also dropped somewhat. This probably wasn't the only cause for the drop – at the same time, the government and schools began an aggressive educational campaign against drunk driving – but it's a popular idea.

Whatever the cause, the law is unfair and illogical. At the age of 18, Americans are legally recognized as adults. Our parents don't have to legally support us anymore. We must be allowed to live their own lives.

However, as it stands now, the drinking age is still 21. That is the law. Students who go into a bar or use a fake ID should know the risk they are taking, and should not be angry when they get caught. Moreover, the ABC and the police are hypocritical when they enforce the law only through infrequent sweeps of area bars. Enforce the law all the time, or change it so you don't have to.

Perhaps the fact that the law isn't enforced all the time proves it doesn't work. College students are going to drink alcohol if they want to, regardless of the statute. They're adults in every other way – they should be able to choose to drink.

... or not to drink

The Montgomery County Board of Education is raising a stink about something it apparently thinks is really, really bad – the presence of soda vending machines in the county's high schools. Doesn't the Board have better ways to spend its time?

The principals of these high schools gave Coca-Cola and Pepsi the go-ahead to install soda machines. In return, these companies donate funds to the school for sports equipment, computers and other much-needed resources. School districts are not made of money; every little drop helps.

But the Board argues that when students buy soda to drink with lunch, they're not buying milk and juice – healthier alternatives that are sold in the school cafeteria. But most Montgomery County schools have an open-campus policy at lunchtime anyway, which means students can go to the store down the street if they want a soda. For that matter, they can bring sodas to school with them in the morning. Either way, they're not going to buy milk if they don't want it.

Some parents have apparently complained that their children are drinking several sodas a day, which they consider unhealthy. They may be right, but we are talking about high school kids here, not first-graders. A 16-year-old is old enough to choose what he or she wants to eat and drink.

The soda machines are profitable for schools. Taking them out won't stop kids from drinking soda when they can go down the block at lunchtime to buy it anyway. And while gang activity, drug abuse and teenage pregnancy are on the rise in high schools, the Montgomery County Board of Education is wasting its time worrying about insignificant, nickel-and-dime problems.

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Mount Vernon isn't top-ranked – except in the hearts of its students

I would like to respond to Erik Schelzig's column ("Virginia Campus wasn't random enough – enter Mt. Vernon," The GW Hatchet, Oct. 21, p. 2).

I would like to know where Mr. Schelzig gets off using Mount Vernon College as his own personal "whipping girl." It is not MVC's responsibility to take a whipping for something that it has not done. If Mr. Schelzig has a problem with President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and how, or why, he and the powers that be came to an agreement with MVC, then fine. He should rant and rave all he wants at his institution and its decisions. However, to put down MVC, stating that "Not even the admittedly flawed Princeton

Review of GW-as-huge-party-school infamy lists Mount Vernon among the continent's 310 best colleges," is juvenile at best.

MVC might not be No. 1 with you, but MVC is No. 1 with itself.

Karin E. Moyer

And that's all that matters to its students and alumnae. As an institution of higher learning, it is constantly outdoing itself. Our paint may be peeling and our roofs might be leaking, but some of the most intelligent and brightest students walk its halls every day. MVC has something that a lot of other schools lack – heart.

We who either attended MVC

(as in my case) or who are still there have a love/hate relationship with the school. And both emotions run strong. But despite its flaws, not a single student stays at MVC because they hate the school, but rather because we love her and what she and her faculty can do for us. I, for one, owe my life to those at MVC who taught and nurtured me my entire four years – from the president, Dr. LucyAnn Geiselman, on down to the maintenance crew. In my four years, there has not been a single person who has not enriched my life in some way. And if MVC is not in the top 310, that's OK, because she's No. 1 with me.

—Karin E. Moyer is a 1996 graduate of Mount Vernon College.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Substance or spin?

Before I say anything else, let me thank The GW Hatchet, the College Republicans and the College Democrats for the entire page The Hatchet has been so generously donating to the views of the CRs and CDs. I enjoyed reading the pieces in the Oct. 17 issue of The Hatchet tremendously.

Adam Green and Adam Segal of the College Democrats were kind enough to inform us that the Republicans plan to cut everything and have no common sense ("GOP Congress misjudged mandate to cut 'safety net,'" p. 5). Meanwhile, Matthew Braynard of the College Republicans informed us that the Democratic Party continually lies, and that President Clinton "gets the coveted 'Double L Award' – for lying and liberal" ("Democrats offer free ride; Republicans offer freedom," p. 5).

Gee, thanks, guys, for those intelligent and thought-provoking statements. It's good to know that in a time when more Americans

are requesting more debate and discussion on issues, you're still throwing out the good old soundbites, the same nasty insults and those pretty pieces of fluff that filter on down from party headquarters.

When will the major parties, and the student groups representing those parties at GW, start to realize that people don't care about the meaningless drivels currently being produced by both parties? Voter turnout in America is reprehensible – and the blame for that fact lies solely upon the Republicans and Democrats for reducing politics from an honest and decent argument of ideals to an argument over which party wants to cut what or which candidate is the biggest liar.

Why is it that Bob Dole has never provided a philosophical justification for his tax cuts? He says time and time again that he wants to return money to the American people. In doing so, he misses the entire point of the conservative argument – money cannot be

"returned" by the government, for it is not the government's money in the first place.

At least the College Democrats tried to provide a philosophical basis for their arguments in The Hatchet, basing their "safety net" upon a so-called "theory of compassion." While I may not agree with Green's and Segal's rationale, I am heartened by the fact that they actually tried to provide one.

In the end, I wonder if The Hatchet, the CRs and the CDs have truly provided a service to GW students, or if they have simply perpetuated the political rubbish that passes for debate these days. While I appreciate the intentions of such a project, I have to question the end results. When I think about it, I'd much rather see a full page of Jim Geraghty cartoons than have to read through the same half-truths and lies that I've heard a thousand times from both parties.

—Jeff Baxter, president
American Collegiate Conservatives
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OPINION

In spite of rising tuition, Clinton will make college possible for all

As a student at GW, you know of the escalating costs of education in the United States. More and more students are finding it harder and harder to afford the price of attending college. Yet despite the sacrifice most of us had to make to attend GW, you and I decided the benefits would outweigh the difficulties. Why?

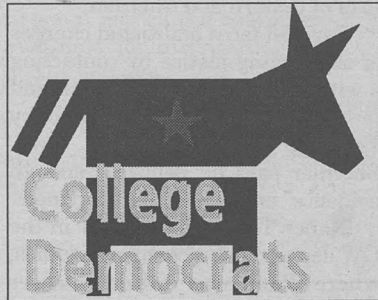
We are here because we understand that in order to succeed, we will need the skills and knowledge only the college experience can provide. I am not merely referring to the obvious advantages that are found in the classroom. At college, you learn about life. You learn to truly become a responsible member of society. You meet people you otherwise never would have, challenge your ideas and values and make your own decisions, from what to have for dinner to whether you want your career to be the study of molecular biology or industrial-labor relations.

Unfortunately, it is getting harder for students to attend college, either because they cannot afford it, or because their high schools did not prepare them adequately. President Clinton recently said, "Education is the work of your lives, but it's also the work of America's future." Bill Clinton understands that you and I will soon be entering the work force and will be the ones leading the country into the 21st century. Bill Clinton understands that in order to lead, you and I must have a proper education.

Bill Clinton believes everyone should have the opportunity to attend school, from elementary through college. He believes that with every high school dropout, with every gifted student turned away from a university because of high tuition, we lose out. Who knows what these students could have achieved, if just given the chance to work and to prove themselves?

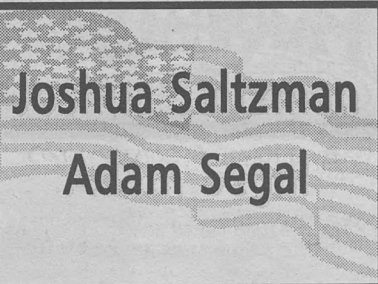
Bill Clinton recognizes the struggle many people go through

in order to receive an adequate education. As a father who will soon send his own daughter off to college, although he makes more than the average American, he can still appreciate the expense of \$25,000 that will accompany sending his daughter to a private col-



lege. When it comes to the cost of school, Bill Clinton knows what you and your parents are experiencing because he is going through the same thing.

This experience has inspired Bill Clinton to work countless hours trying to better our institu-



Joshua Saltzman
Adam Segal

tions of learning and make them more accessible to everyone. Seeing the harmful effects of rising tuition, he has created and expanded programs that make it easier for us to pay for our education. He has pushed for student loan reform, increased the number and amounts allocated in Pell Grants, enlarged the direct lending program and increased funding for the Head Start program.

Arguably, Bill Clinton's greatest achievement with regard to education is the creation of the AmeriCorps program, which

allows students to earn money for college by volunteering in their communities. During the past two years, more than 45,000 students, including some at GW, worked at hospitals, schools and parks performing a valuable service for others while furthering their own education. The success of the Neighbors' Project here at GW pays tribute to Bill Clinton's efforts. GW students have tutored children in the District's Shaw neighborhood, helped with inner-city housing restoration and engaged in community clean-up efforts - all while obtaining federal loans.

Yet Bill Clinton wants to do more. He has proposed the Hope Scholarship plan, which would make the first two years of college as universal as high school by giving students \$1,500 a year for tuition. He wants to enlarge the college work study program so another 300,000 students can receive federal aid. He wants to give the top five percent of high school graduates a \$1,000 a year scholarship. Bill Clinton also wants to give families a \$10,000 per year tax credit for college expenses.

Many of us here are receiving some sort of loans or financial aid from the government. Without this assistance, we would not have the chance to attend college. But we are here. We understand it is necessary to attend a university so we can be given the tools that will be needed for our future. We understand that the foundations we lay here, our studies and friends, will support us for the rest of our lives.

Bill Clinton also understands this. He wants to help you get these tools. He wants you to learn so you can succeed, not just in your career, but in life. Vote for Bill Clinton and give yourself the future you deserve.

-Joshua Saltzman is speakers and issues director and Adam Segal is journal editor of the College Democrats.

Third-party candidates deserve a look from all informed voters

With all the attention surrounding the recent presidential debates, I think it should be noted that another debate was held on Monday, Oct. 7. At the National Press Club that night, the George Mason University School of Law co-sponsored a presidential debate to which all major candidates were invited.

This meant that all persons who were on the ballot in a majority of states with enough electoral votes to have a mathematical chance of winning were invited. The candidates who attended were Harry Browne (Libertarian), John Hagelin (Natural Law) and Howard Phillips (U.S. Taxpayers).

What those of us there, and watching on C-SPAN, saw was one

of the best exercises in democracy this country has seen in a long while at the national level. None of the candidates made cheap cracks at their opponent's expense;

Sean Oliva

nonetheless there was certainly enough good humor in the evening to make it pleasant for all. The quality of the issues discussed far exceeded the overblown trivial differences between President Clinton and Bob Dole (i.e., having the government grow at 20 percent as opposed to 14 percent a year).

I am an avid supporter of John Hagelin and the Natural Law

Party. It stands for common-sense, scientifically based solutions to our nation's problems. Its candidates will be on the ballot in 48 states and the District this year. It is also the only third party to be registered as a national committee with the Federal Elections Commission, and it is receiving federal matching funds.

It is my hope that all of us will look at all the alternatives, and not just the two major parties. You will not waste a vote on a third party. You will be wasting your vote if you do not support the candidate who best represents your views.

-Sean Oliva is a freshman majoring in business economics.

Dole will take red tape out of education

Education is the strength behind a world that prides itself on the wonderful benefits of a free market and the pursuit of knowledge, and considering the emphasis placed on knowledge and skilled workers, the United States should have the best education system in the world.

Unfortunately, our children's schooling is appalling compared to many other industrialized nations. Bob Dole plans to fix the education system by streamlining government bureaucracy and allowing individual citizens to control their children's futures.

The Department of Education (DoE) is the first thing Dole wishes to cut to make education more effective. Local and state supervision is bad enough, but a national leviathan is the worst remedy for our failing schools. He wants to cut the DoE to save countless taxpayer dollars that only feed the government bureaucracy. When Dole returns education to the states, parents will have greater control over their child's education and individual people will have more authority over the schooling funded by their tax dollars.

Dole's plan also offers concrete evidence that clarifies the rationale behind eliminating the DoE. There is no reason for a community to

give its children a bad education, and no sane society would deny students the knowledge required to succeed as adults. Not only is it deplorable for a community to have uneducated citizens, but decent parents should reject substandard education for their children. Under

Dole's plan, parents will possess more influence over policy, reducing the level of toleration for poor education schemes.

The second part of Dole's plan to save education is establishing school

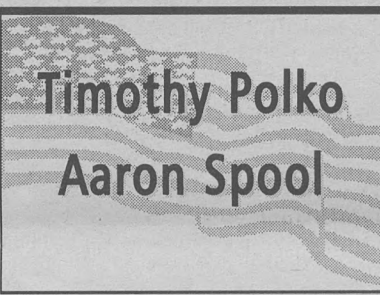
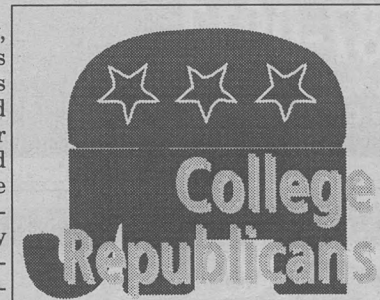
choice for Americans. School vouchers allow families to choose the direction of their child's education. The benefits extolled from school vouchers include the promotion of

free market competition among schools that will increase the quality of their programs. Public schools will receive less funding due to vouchers, but by allowing Americans

choice in education, Dole revitalizes a failing education program.

Dole's education package contains tremendous promise. When he triumphs over the socialist opposition to school choice, education in America will drastically improve for everyone.

-Timothy Polko and Aaron Spool, both freshmen, are members of the College Republicans.



Timothy Polko
Aaron Spool

MORE LETTERS

Ready to rumble

We would like to thank the University community for turning out to support GW basketball at last Friday night's "Colonial Madness." The evening's events provided great entertainment and, considering the severe rainstorm, it was a truly remarkable display of school spirit.

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*-Mike Jarvis
head coach, men's basketball
Joe McKeown
head coach, women's basketball*

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Savinon case goes to trial

Man accused of GW student's murder pleads not guilty

BY KRISTIN LEEDS ROBERTS AND
KEVIN ECKSTROM
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

A Silver Spring, Md., man accused of killing a GW graduate student in 1994 did not enter into a plea agreement as expected and will face additional charges when his trial begins Jan. 2.

Defendant Victoriano Savinon told District prosecutors in September he would plead guilty to two counts of armed manslaughter against Nicole Paul and one count of failure to appear for trial. This agreement was made after he fled the Washington, D.C., area to avoid trial.

He was detained by federal marshals in New York state and entered

his "not guilty" plea Oct. 15. He faces charges of first degree murder, armed robbery, obstruction of justice and failure to appear for trial.

Dave Sherdler, who was prosecuting the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office, said he did not know why Savinon did not plead guilty as expected, but said it is the defendant's right to stand trial.

"We thought we had given him a fair plea offer, given the heinous nature of the crime," Sherdler said.

Sherdler left the U.S. Attorney's Office last week to practice for the firm of Coburn and Sherdler.

Savinon faces additional charges of obstructing justice by contacting a witness before the trial began and for violating the Bail Reform Act by skipping bail and leaving town. Sherdler said he believes "enough evidence" exists to convict Savinon.

Nancy Turner, a professor in the GW department of women's studies, where Paul was taking classes toward her master's degree, said she was surprised by Savinon's decision not to take the plea agreement.

She added that the decision leaves him facing charges that more adequately reflect the nature of the crime committed.

"We weren't pleased with the idea of a plea of armed manslaughter," Turner said. "This gives us the chance for a sentence the crime deserves. It will be more reflective of the violent nature of Nicole's death."

Savinon, now 22, could be imprisoned until he is 60. He faces five years for fleeing trial and 10 years for attempting to contact and sway a witness who could place him in the area of Paul's apartment immediately before the murder occurred, according to Sherdler.

If the jury finds Savinon guilty of murder in the first degree, he could be imprisoned for an additional 30 years. These sentences, according to the D.C. Homicide Division, could be served consecutively.

Savinon's cousin, Ivan Lopez, pleaded guilty to weapons possession on the scene of Paul's murder in June 1994, and will testify against Savinon in January. Lopez was jailed after his confession two years ago. His sentencing has been postponed until after he testifies.

Savinon, who was released from jail by the court six months after his arrest, has been detained since federal officials found him in New York.

Turner said the case should go forward in January.

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Public schools receive resurrected computers

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
HATCHET REPORTER

Members of the GW chapter of the Lazarus Foundation are repairing old computers and giving them away to local public schools.

According to chapter President Stephen Cohen, the group also plans to teach people how to repair computers themselves. This past summer, Cohen joined his staff adviser, Blaine D'Amico, for "Tech Day" at Dunbar High School in Baltimore, Md., where representatives from 20 local schools learned how to repair computers.

The GW chapter of the Lazarus Foundation, a non-profit organization with locations in Baltimore and northern Virginia, was born at the suggestion of D'Amico's friend Don Bard, who runs the program.

"We were constantly carting stuff up to the dumpster, like old printers that were old but not irreparable. It doesn't take much to help out," Cohen said.

So far, the GW chapter has donated computers to a middle school in Baltimore and has 10 more computers to repair and give away.

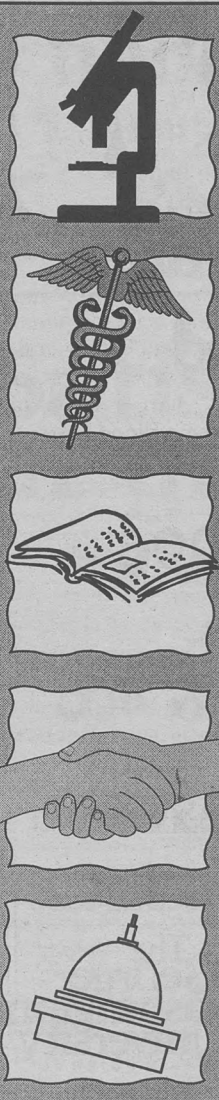
D'Amico, Naa-Oboshae Reindorf and Harper Prefect recently celebrated LaSalle Elementary School's "Net Day" by helping the faculty wire the computer lab.

Cohen, along with Prefect, Reindorf, Vice President Jeff Baxter and members Sam Lu and Theo Chaojareon, will soon begin calling various GW departments to see if more used computers are available for distribution to D.C. public schools.

Club members are also trying to recruit more computer literate students willing to donate their time to the cause.

As for long-term goals, according to Cohen, Lazarus members hope to have a "Tech Day" at GW, similar to the one at Dunbar High School, for D.C. schools.

The Lazarus Foundation's GW chapter is in the Gelman Library Technical Support Office.



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Susan J. Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.A., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Assistant Surgeon General, and an invited Olympic athlete will launch the forum.



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DSS spreads awareness of students' abilities

Speakers, art, performances highlight week

BY ARJUN NAIR AND

BLYTHE DIM

HATCHET REPORTERS

Disability Support Services launched a week of activities designed to increase student and faculty awareness of the opportunities available on campus for students with disabilities.

Disability Awareness Week, co-sponsored by the Disability Resource Association, began Monday.

Stefanie Coale, a learning specialist at DSS, said she thinks individuals with hidden disabilities such as chronic illnesses and brain damage have the toughest time on campus.

"Sometimes I get so frustrated because my friends have no idea what I'm going through," she said. "They always want to go places I can't go to. That's OK sometimes, but I think they think I don't have any fun, and that's just not true."

Coale said she hopes the week's events will help eliminate the stigma attached to her office and encourage more disabled students to register there.

Activities included a stress management workshop for students with disabilities, various social events and special presentations made by authorities on disability related topics.

"The Cinema of Isolation: A History of Physical Disabilities in the Movies," "Get Out of Your Mind and Into Your Body: A Stress Management Workshop for Students," "Acoustic Angst" and "Exposure to Dramatic Movement Through Dance" were some of the programs offered.

The week culminates in a relay Saturday at noon on H Street between 20th and 21st streets. The goal of the competition is to help sensitize students to the challenges disabled people face everyday in life, especially individuals in wheelchairs and blind people, according to a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, which is hosting the event.

DSS Director Christy Willis

started working in the department in 1984. She said the population of disabled students served by DSS has nearly quadrupled, and it continues to grow.

"We're seeing more students with more complex health issues than ever before. You kind of think you've seen it all, then something new comes along."

The DRA also provides assistance to disabled students, and it is sponsored by the DSS. Its purpose is to create a community of disabled students who, through mutual support, help each other achieve their full potential.

"The DRA meets bi-weekly during the academic year to discuss issues facing disabilities, and often-times it is more effective in providing support to students (with disabilities) because they can relate better. They have first-hand experience," Willis said.

Willis said services for disabled students at GW have made real progress over the past decade. With support from these organizations, the number of disabled students who have successfully completed their studies has increased significantly as well.

With the addition of new programs and technology, such as real-time captioning, the DRA and DSS can cater to more students' needs.

The DSS is a non-profit organization funded by the University. It strives to remove attitudinal and architectural barriers and meet the needs for GW students who have physical, emotional and/or learning disabilities, according to a DSS press release.

The organization designs its services to eliminate competitive disadvantages in an academic environment while preserving academic integrity.

DSS has served 444 GW students in the past academic year, many who have had non-visible disabilities such as Attention Deficit Disorder.

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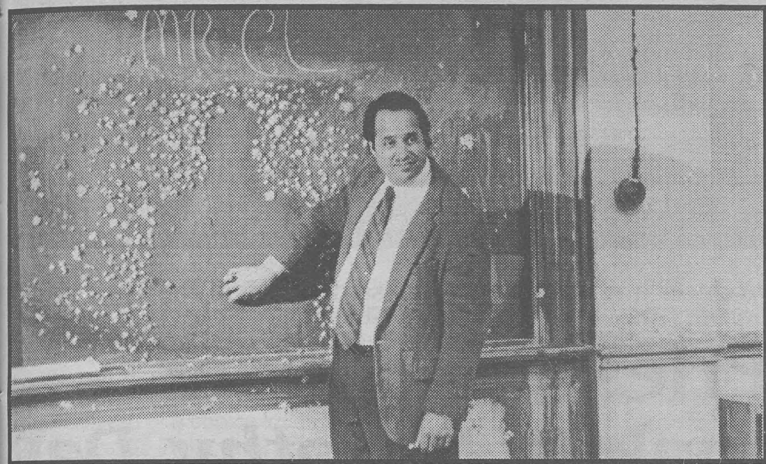
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WEEKEND



Jon Lovitz learns teaching isn't an easy profession in *High School High*.

Lovitz goes back to school after SNL

BY TRYG OLSEN
WEEKEND WRITER

Jon Lovitz, another "Saturday Night Live" alumnus, has finally gotten his first leading role in the new comedy *High School High* (Columbia Pictures).

Lovitz started his acting career at the University of California-Irvine, where he said he starred in many plays.

"Most people think of me as a pure comedian, and they don't realize that I can act dramatically, too," Lovitz said during an interview. "People who do drama exclusively have a hard time crossing the bridge to comedy, so it was nice to have a background in both mediums."

After graduating from college, Lovitz joined a comedy group called "The Groundlings," which he stayed with for seven years before getting his big break.

"Everything happened so fast for me," Lovitz said. "It was mind-boggling. I was on 'The Tonight Show' in March of '85, then in May I got an agent and then (See LOVITZ, p. 4)

No 'Travesty' about Clark Street show

BY NICOLE SPEULDA
WEEKEND WRITER

Kicking off its second season at the Clark Street Playhouse in Crystal City, the Washington Shakespeare Company is not joking when it asks its patrons on the first page of the playbill to donate any construction materials, tools or office supplies.

The general ambiance of this warehouse-turned-theater lacks many things, including an easily accessible location.

All appearances aside, though, the presentation of Tom Stoppard's "Travesties" is a night not easily forgotten. This 1970s Tony Award-winning play focuses on the memories of a British foreign service officer, Henry Carr (David Fendig).

Bizarre and strikingly intellectual, Carr's observations of 1917 Zurich bring to life such historical figures as James Joyce and Vladimir Lenin, with peculiar undertones of the Dadaist movement.

The drama centers around Carr's disagreement with James Joyce over a production of the play "The Importance of Being Earnest," yet branches off into various tangents, mixing memories with dream. At one point, the play features an actual daydream in which Cecily (Rhea Seehorn) shockingly performs a striptease for Carr.

There are moments of slap-stick comedy involving the butler, Bennett (Andy Rapoport), and an uproariously absurd episode as Gwendolyn (Jennifer Gerdt) walks onto the stage wearing an upturned high heel on her head.

There is enough humor and intellect in this play for members of the audience to absorb and more, creating a fast-paced barrage of information.

The cast also includes Jason Gilbert as Tristan Tzara, Brook Butterworth as Nadya and Christopher Henley as James Joyce, who join their co-stars in giving outstanding performances. The sheer amount of curious words in their often perplexing mode of utterance from thick British and Russian brogue transform these actors, forcing them into the period. "Travesties" continues at the Clark Street Playhouse, 601 South Clark St., Arlington, Va., through Nov. 10. Tickets are \$10-\$20. For more information, call (703) 418-4808.

Satisfy urge to chow at greasy area diners

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
WEEKEND WRITER

It's 2 a.m. and studying for that midterm just isn't happening. You can't help but be distracted from the deafening tremors coming from your stomach. You need food.

We're not talking popcorn here. We're talking cholesterol, calories and grease. Time to head out to a late-night diner for some home cooking, good company and good tunes.

Last year you may have met the Java Diva, that elusive GW student running around the District sampling the city's finest cups of Joe. Well, she's back, with a new identity — the Diner Diva.

Now, the Diner Diva won't settle for just any ol' plate of food. She demands the highest standards for culinary creations in the wee hours of the morning, and according to her, none can beat the legendary Bob and Edith's Diner in Arlington, Va.

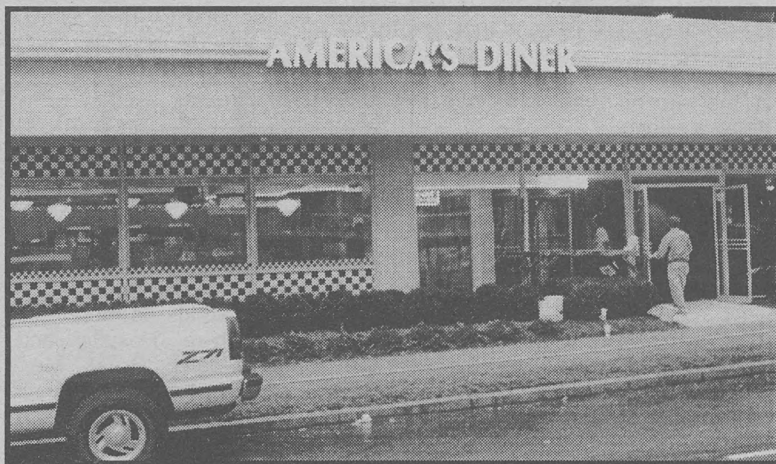
"Bob and Edith's is all a diner was ever meant to be," the Diner Diva says. "Nothing tops this place."

As great as "Bob and Edie's" (as those who love it are known to call it) is, however, there is one downside: its location. At 2310 Columbia Pike, Bob and Edith's is only accessible by car or taxi. A cab ride will run you about \$6-8 from Foggy Bottom, but it's worth the trip.

"The prices aren't bad, and they have the best pie around," the Diner Diva says. "The omelets will rock your world, the cheeseburger subs are absolutely fabulous and the bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches are to die for."

Be sure to check out the selection on the jukebox, although no visit to Bob and Edith's is complete without listening to "Son of a Preacher Man" several times.

A slice of pie will run you about \$2, sandwiches about \$3-\$5 and breakfast around \$4. Get to know Renee Cook, the waitress, and she'll even give you a Christmas card. Bob and Edith's is open 24 hours a day.



Dave Fintzen ▲

America's Best Diner, Foggy Bottom's newest late-night dining option, has a '50s James Dean kind of feel to it.

To get to Bob and Edith's by car, take I-395 South to Rt. 27 (Columbia Pike) exit. The diner is about two miles down on the left.

If you're not feeling as adventurous, a new diner in our own Foggy Bottom is making quite an impression with late-night eaters.

America's Best Diner, at 2601 Virginia Ave., N.W., in the Howard Johnson Premier hotel across from Watergate, offers a wide selection of sandwiches and full dinners at reasonable prices.

"It's very cute," the Diner Diva says. "The 1950s atmosphere is straight out of a James Dean movie."

The pink neon lighting accents a comfortable restaurant that is open 24 hours on the weekend and until midnight Sunday-Thursday.

Dinners are a little on the pricey side, running \$7-\$13. Burgers will cost you \$7 and most breakfasts cost around \$6.

"It's more commercialized, as opposed to the little hole-in-the-wall diner," the Diner Diva says, "but the food is good and the atmosphere is fun."

The music selection would be good if the personal jukeboxes worked. But the gigantic banana splits, yummy home fries and decent

apple pie will more than make up for the absence of "Let's Go to the Hop."

Also available for midnight munchies is Georgetown Café, 1623 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., about six or seven blocks up from the heart of Georgetown's M Street.

"It's not a fun walk, but they have a pretty diverse menu and reasonable prices with a fresh home-cooked taste," the Diner Diva says.

Be sure to check out the "funky" hummus with grilled meat, overstuffed "rocking" omelets and bottomless cups of coffee.

Georgetown Café, open 24 hours, will remind you of one of those local sandwich shops that specializes in grilled sandwiches and gyros. Prices are reasonable, with \$5 gyros, cappuccinos, salads, pasta and even pizza.

The Diner Diva was a little disappointed with the atmosphere that featured no jukebox but lots of football on the several televisions.

Finally, for greasy (and we mean greasy) food that just can't be beat, satisfy your cravings at the D.C. Café, 2035 P St., N.W., in the heart of Dupont Circle.

D.C. Café specializes in Greek, Syrian and Mediterranean cuisine with a wide variety of baklava, gyros and kabobs.

"This place is great for vegetarians, and it's real cheap," the Diner Diva says. "But if you're feeling a bit carnivorous, you can get a whole chicken with rice or fries and salad for \$9."

The atmosphere could use a little work, with the dingy brown walls saturated in cigarette smoke, but the Diner Diva likes the friendly atmosphere.

D.C. Café has especially good fried foods, with mouth-watering mozzarella sticks, French fries and cheeseburgers all running about \$3-\$4. If nothing else, D.C. Café is probably the cheapest diner option, but be ready to smell and feel like you've taken a dip in the fry-o-later.

—The Diner Diva, whose real identity is still a mystery, contributed to this story.



Dave Fintzen ▲

Dupont's D.C. Cafe specializes in vegetarian and fried foods, sometimes all at once.

WEEKEND

Lemonheads barely afloat on new album

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
WEEKEND WRITER

The new album by Boston's The Lemonheads is entitled *Car Button Cloth* (TAG/Atlantic). The band got the name from a science experiment lead singer Evan Dando performed in the second grade. He had to throw a bunch of everyday objects into a tub and see what would sink and what would float. All three objects sank.

Despite its ominous title, the album doesn't really sink. It floats, but after a certain point, it only treads water. After a decade of existence, Dando is the only original Lemonhead in the lineup. But this time around he recruited former Lemonhead John Strohm, Dinosaur Jr. drummer Murph and Bill Gibson, formerly of two of Australia's premier 1980s punk bands, the Eastern Dark and the New Christs, to play with him.

This lineup is pretty hefty, and

one might think *Car Button Cloth* is a monumental album as a result. It's not.

The album starts off with "It's All True," a fine example of how Dando can pen a sugary pop song. It's followed by the band's current single, "If I Could Talk I'd Tell You." Both songs are great examples of

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Dando's sing-songy voice. Listeners will notice that Dando has progressed quite a way from the hardcore releases of the band's early days.

The finest songs on the album are tunes such as "Hospital" and the tough-as-nails "Break Me," which almost sounds like a Dinosaur Jr. song. But overall, The Lemonheads have mellowed quite a bit.

By the time the songs "C'mon Daddy" and "One More Time" roll around, one almost begins to won-

der if this is the same Dando who just a few short years ago wrote upbeat rock songs such as "Confetti." And perhaps that is the point: It's not clear whether Dando is over his well-publicized drug habit, but he doesn't sound like he's cranked up on speed anymore. He sounds like he is going through withdrawal.

The album ends with "Secular Rockulidge," a peculiar song that starts off quietly with an electric guitar that sort of meanders until distortion sputters like a lawnmower starting up, and then the song races to an end. It's kind of an odd way to end one of Dando's more curious artistic efforts, and it sounds like nothing else on the album.

The Lemonheads play the 9:30 Club, 815 V St., N.W., Saturday with Imperial Teen and You Am I. For tickets, call TicketMaster at (202) 432-SEAT. For more information, call (202) 393-0930.



Producer and priest Kieser (r.) said he found the spirit of Dorothy Day in actress Moira Kelly (l.).

Priest/producer makes Dorothy Day

BY NICOLE SPEULDA
WEEKEND WRITER

Citing the proliferation of violence and casual sex in Hollywood films, the Catholic church has jumped into the movie-making arena with the film *Entertaining Angles: The Dorothy Day Story* (Paulist Pictures). Featuring an abortion, love affairs, socialism and protest, this movie has been brought to the public, oddly enough, by Ellwood Kieser, a priest who is the film's producer.

Known for his 1988 film, *Romero*, Kieser said in an interview in Washington earlier this month that he believes his work in the entertainment field is the perfect medium for "taking the church to the secular."

The film is based on the life of Dorothy Day, a human rights activist in New York during the 1920s and '30s. In having an abortion and a common-law marriage, Day ignored almost all the social restrictions placed on women during this time period. Despite all of these distractions, a time of self-searching ensued, and Day focused her attention on helping the needy and neglected.

Kieser said he believes the volunteer efforts and human interaction of common citizens will improve society, lessening the burden of social welfare on the government. He said his goal as both a priest and producer is to "entertain and enrich," reintroducing human values to the big screen.

Kieser began research for this production years ago, after he met Day in the 1970s when she was lobbying a group of bishops in Rome. Struck by her selfless nature and passionate work for her fellow humans, he asked her what she thought of him making a movie of her life. Day instructed Kieser to "wait until I'm dead."

Day passed away in 1980, and some time later Kieser renewed his quest to make her life into a movie. He gathered more than \$4 million in contributions to make her story.

Kieser also collected costumes fitting the 1917-1937 period and signed up more than 400 extras from various parishes. Filmed in alleys and backstreets in Los Angeles, the crew and cast turned this low-budget project into a feature film by using "anything that looked like (Day's home of) Staten Island."

To cast the production, Kieser said he interviewed about 30 marquee names in Hollywood for the female lead. He said, however, that many would not work for the low salary or did not want to take on the challenge of playing Day.

"To play Dorothy Day, you have to walk in her shoes and wrestle with God the way she did," Kieser said.

Kieser finally found Moira Kelly (*With Honors*, *The Cutting Edge*) to play the dynamic character of Day. "Moira Kelly - she's a tigress. She found the place in herself where she wrestles with God," he said.

Kelly's co-star, Martin Sheen (*Wall Street*), plays Day's mentor, Peter Maurin. Sheen also knew Day in his days as a young actor in New York, where he said he recalls visiting one of her soup kitchens.

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Prime sports season is upon us, and with that in mind, the Bar Belle went out in search of a choice location to check out the festivities. She has decided a few places in the area are better to watch a game in than Champions.

Champions has a chameleon-like quality, changing from a sports fanatic's heaven to a cool hang-out when nothing is on but sports highlights. The sports bar feel, with its memorabilia collection (the Bar Belle even spotted an autographed poster of the 1983-84 Colonials in front of the Washington Monument), blaring televisions and raging emotions over the fate of whatever team is playing, mellows out at night. Tables are moved to make way for a dance floor, and dance music takes the place of frenzied sports announcers.

The bottom floor of Champions hosts the dance floor and a big bar, while upstairs is a little darker and not as blaring. The excellent dance music can still be heard, but it is also possible to hold a conversation without screaming. Upstairs boasts four televisions, compared to five downstairs, so Champions can hold a good number of people for sports or pleasure.

The bar only has four beers on draft and it is an all-American collection (think Budweiser). For some reason, this doesn't seem like a place for those sissy micro-brews. Champions does, however, make a good Margarita and the \$4.25 price isn't bad. Champions has a list of a dozen appetizers, most around \$4, to go along with your beer. The special of the house is the Buffalo wings, and although the Bar Belle did not partake, those around her seemed to be enjoying them.

While the Bar Belle wasn't too thrilled with Champions' one-drink minimum, a few in her entourage saw the benefit: It gets you right down to the business of why you went out in the first place.

Buscemi should stop lounging, work harder

BY ALISON GAZAN
WEEKEND WRITER

Writing, directing and starring in his latest film, Steve Buscemi (*Reservoir Dogs*) takes on more than he can handle.

In *Trees Lounge* (LIVE Entertainment), Buscemi portrays 31-year-old Tommy Basilio. An unemployed auto mechanic, Basilio spends his days and nights with the

Hatchet Rating:  local barflies at Trees Lounge.

After his girlfriend Theresa (Elizabeth Bracco) leaves him for his best friend Rob (Anthony LaPaglia from "Murder One"), Basilio finds solace in shots of Wild Turkey and Budweiser and one-night stands.

In a weak attempt to regain an inkling of self-worth, Basilio starts driving his deceased uncle's ice cream truck. However, any shred of respect he may earn is lost when he forms an intimate relationship with

his 17-year-old assistant Debbie (Chloe Sevigny from *Kids*). To make the situation more despicable, Debbie is Theresa's niece.

While Buscemi's quick wit is notable in the script, *Trees Lounge* is no more than a disturbing glimpse into the life of an unemployed, middle-aged man with a drinking problem. Although there are possibilities to expand on this story line and possibly salvage the film, the novice Buscemi bypasses these opportunities. Instead, he opts to focus on Basilio's pathetic lifestyle.

The humorous banter exchanged between the locals creates moments of reprieve from the disturbing plot. However, the troublesome story line overshadows any comic interludes that could redeem *Trees Lounge*.

Bill (Bronson Dudley), an elderly man who never leaves the bar, provides most of the laughs with his caustic remarks. The character of Bill demonstrates Buscemi's potential as a writer. Unfortunately, the ingenuity of Bill is absent in the basic plot of the film.

Buscemi must be credited for the entertaining dialect between characters and the skillful casting. The failure of *Trees Lounge* is not due to a lack of talent.

While Buscemi is not yet a respectable writer or director, he is a talented actor. Complementing Buscemi's portrayal of Basilio, Bracco, LaPaglia and Sevigny have impressive screen presence. The casting of Carol Kane as Trees Lounge's bartender adds even more credence to Buscemi's casting ability. But even the talent of these actors combined with cameos by Samuel L. Jackson and Debi Mazar cannot save *Trees Lounge*.

Despite the comical moments, *Trees Lounge* is plagued by sick humor and a disturbing plot that never culminates in a satisfying conclusion. While Buscemi is an acclaimed actor, he does not prove himself as a credible director and writer in *Trees Lounge*.






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No comparison of Gillian, Ghost

BY ERIN J. PIETROWSKI
WEEKEND WRITER

To compare *To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday* (Columbia Pictures) with the Demi Moore/Patrick Swayze hit *Ghost*, as the TV ads have done, is wrong.

The fact that both involve spouses talking to their dead significant others is no cause for comparison.

To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday is the story of David Lewis, played by Peter Gallagher (*sex, lies, and videotape*), and his teenage daughter Rachel, played by talented up-and-comer Claire Danes ("My So-Called Life").

It has been two years since Gillian (Michelle Pfeiffer) died in a boating accident, which both David and Rachel witnessed, as well as Gillian's sister, Esther (played by Kathy Baker of "Picket Fences"), and brother-in-law, Paul (Bruce Altman of *Quiz Show*).

The four reunite at David's and Rachel's summer beach house on the weekend of Gillian's 37th birthday. Problems surface when Rachel and Esther find out that when David takes his late-night beach walks, he "sees" Gillian and has conversations with her.

Esther and Paul bring along a female friend, Kevin (Wendy Crewson of *The Santa Clause*), to try to woo David. However, Kevin has just 10 lines in the film and is really just a background figure.

The only real problem with this film is the character of Cindy, played by newcomer Laurie Fortier. Cindy is a 16-year-old girl flirting with a 40ish man, Paul, who happens to be both married and her best friend's uncle. In addition to her character having really no use, the dialogue between Fortier and Altman is borderline sexual harassment.

For example, after picking up Esther, Paul and Kevin from the ferry, Cindy sits between Paul and Esther. What amazes and disgusts the audience is the line delivered by Paul about Cindy's "development" since the last time he saw her. Esther is sitting on the other side of Cindy, in her own little world while her husband flirts with the teenager.

Now, for the bright side of the film — Danes. Her performance as the daughter who has to get over the death of her mother while watching the slow decline in her father's mental health is astonishing. She plays Rachel with an ease, grace and maturity that is impressive, considering she's only 17.

To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday is no *Ghost*, but it's worth the price of admission if you're in the mood for a heart-wrenching family drama. *To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday* opens in theaters Friday.

Stereotypical Associate wastes Whoopi's talent

BY STACEY FELSEN
WEEKEND WRITER

One of the best episodes of "The Brady Bunch" features whiny middle child Jan concocting an imaginary boyfriend. At a loss for a name, she spots a glass in the distance, spawning the creation of George Glass.

Such is the case in *The Associate* (Hollywood Pictures), starring Whoopi Goldberg. Laurel Ayres (Goldberg) is an intelligent financial

analyst. Denied a well-deserved promotion over colleague Frank Peterson (played by Tim Daly of NBC's "Wings"), Laurel decides she has had enough with following the rules to get ahead in the corporate arena.

So she forms a partnership with financial wizard Robert S. Cutty. A la "The Brady Bunch," Ayres names her fictional partner after a brand of Scotch.

The deception succeeds, of course (or else the movie would be over before one finishes a box of popcorn), with media moguls and the financial world speculating about the identity of Ayres' elusive "associate."

This film is one large commercialized stereotype of the business world. The always-brilliant Dianne Wiest

(*Bullets Over Broadway*, *Parenthood*) is the lone bright point against a lackluster backdrop in her portrayal of the stereotypical submissive secretary with a wardrobe representative of the colonial era.

Daly plays an obnoxiously horny financial analyst who uses his title to rationalize his harassment of female co-workers. Bebe Neuwirth deviates from her prim and proper "Cheers" persona to play a character who believes sleeping with men and wearing seductive clothing will bring her corporate success. Maybe she wants everyone to know her name, as was the case at Cheers.

Even the businessmen in the financial arena seem trapped in the past as they smoke expensive cigars and dine at posh all-male clubs for lunch.

It is a shame that Goldberg agreed to star in a film ridden with stereotypes. Yes, she does defeat those stereotypes by proving men do not have to monopolize the corporate circle. Yet the method of conveying this is trite, formulaic and predictable.

Goldberg seems to obscure her real comedic talent in *The Associate*. She displays no noteworthy humor that could compare to her comedic roles in *Ghost*, or even in the poor, yet amusing summer flick, *Eddie*. In *The Associate*, Whoopi hides behind an elaborate wardrobe and the image of Cutty.

The Associate opens in theaters Friday.

Lovitz is not just a comedian

(from p. 1)

In September I got on SNL. A month later, the entire country was imitating me!

Lovitz stayed on "Saturday Night Live" for five years and left, as many people do, to pursue a movie career. He has since starred in 15 movies, including *Billy Bathgate* and *A League of Their Own*.

As for his new film, Lovitz has only good things to say about it.

"Well, the trailer scored well, and the soundtrack was received well. I've got a good feeling about this movie," he added.

Lovitz's co-stars in *High School High* include Louise Fletcher (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*) and Tia Carerre (*True Lies*, *Wayne's World*). "It was a great thrill, working with such talented people," Lovitz said. "As for Tia, well, the love scene was a dream come true ... for her."

In the movie, a spoof on *Dangerous Minds*, Lovitz plays Richard Clark, a naïve private school teacher who decides to transfer to the roughest, toughest school in the city, Marion Barry High. He feels that all the tough nuts in his classroom need is some attention and some good, old fashioned teaching. *High School High* opens in theaters Friday.

Locality, personality key to U.S. elections

GSPM panel debates impact of politics

BY WILLIAM DAVIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Panelists stressed the importance of local elections and the personal contributions of the candidates in defining broad party goals during a discussion on Capitol Hill sponsored by the GW

"The outcome of the Senate races will be determined by the faces being elected."

—Bernadette Badde

Graduate School of Political Management Tuesday.

Addressing a crowd of about 60, speakers Ken Rudin, Bernadette Badde and Charles Cook responded to questions posed by mediator Christopher Arterton, GSPM dean.

"The outcome of the Senate races will be determined by the faces being elected," said Bernadette Badde, a senior vice president of the BI-PAC political action committee that analyzes the major impacts of politics on business.

Badde explained that there is more to local elections than simply party affiliation.

"I believe the Republicans will control the House and Senate. The question is, who will control the Republicans?" she asked.

Ken Rudin, managing editor of the Hotline, an on-line daily briefing of politics throughout the United States, said incumbent congressmen who were elected for their personal agenda are in a better position to win in 1996 than those who had simply followed party lines.

Charles Cook, editor of the Cook Political Report, pointed to recent polls and predicted a Democratic loss. He said it is important to factor in the presidential outcome.

The electorate, Cook said, is

not prepared to give the Democrats a "blank check."

"Polls showed a six-point overall advantage for Democrats, but Republicans pulled ahead by 14 points when a Clinton win was factored in," he explained.

Rudin also stressed the importance of national factors in the local election. He said interests within the Republican Party, such as the Christian Coalition, were turning toward congressional elections because, as opposed to the 1992 election when Democrats held both houses, "the Republicans have something at stake."

All participants noted the toned down ideological rhetoric of the congressional candidates.

"Both parties' ideological wings were chastised in the recent past," Cook said. He added that most races this year are using fairly moderate rhetoric to please the voters.

Cook and Badde both cautioned, however, that candidates must not ignore liberal or conservative interests. They pointed to

"Both parties' ideological wings were chastised in the recent past."

— Charles Cook

the effectiveness of labor groups, environmentalists and pro-choice advocates in curbing the Newt Gingrich-led congress.

Badde predicted that the respective parties will be continually molded by the actions of the future congressmen.

"This election is not over when it's over," she said.

Cook proposed that, even with a Republican congress and a Democratic president, a five- to six-month window could exist in which there would be "a decent chance for both parties to head toward the center for the benefit of the country."

Madison Hall visitor attempts suicide

A man in his early 20s tried to commit suicide in Madison Hall around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, University Police said.

According to UPD Captain Anthony RoccoGrande, the man, who is not a GW student, cut himself in the head and face with a knife while visiting a resident of Madison Hall. He was taken to the GW Hospital, where he was in stable condition.

By the time UPD got to the scene, the incident was over. The problem was "he didn't want any

help," RoccoGrande said. "There is a potential that he could have completed the act had there not been a quick response."

Metropolitan Police took over the case, and will probably place the man under psychiatric observation at D.C. General Hospital.

According to RoccoGrande, this is the first serious suicide attempt on campus in about three or four years, since a female shot herself in the head between two buildings on G Street.

—Jamie Harris

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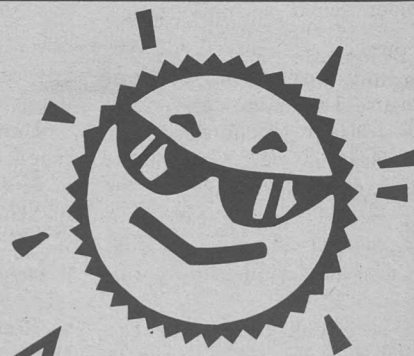
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Evans takes issue with taxes, salaries

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more liberal members try to lure residents to stay in a city lacking financial resources and resident services, while more conservative members such as Evans try to establish strict spending limits to bring the city's financial house in order.

"We need to try to bring rational fiscal responsibility to a city that has never experienced that," Evans said.

He singled out City Council Chair David Clarke, saying Clarke is out of ideas after being on the Council for more than 20 years.

"There need to be four priorities for this city," Evans said. "And they are public safety, public education, public works and public health."

The problem for any politician trying to establish hard priorities for the District, however, is that these four priorities still represent the majority of the D.C. budget. The solution, Evans said, comes in limiting spending within those four categories.

"People don't want to hear" that social services are getting cut, Evans said, but limiting spending is the only way to achieve sound financial footing.

Evans said the District needs to develop ways to convince the declining, tax-paying citizen base to stay in the District despite the city's financial woes.

A proposal to impose a "commuter tax" on Maryland and Virginia residents who work in the District but pay taxes elsewhere is a great idea, Evans said, but will never pass.

While some in the District have recommended taxing non-profit landholders such as universities, charities and the federal government, Evans said he is "unequivocally" against such a proposal.

Evans said a proposal sponsored by D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton to change the tax code to include a 15 percent flat tax on District residents is "the single most important bill for the District since Home Rule," but also said the measure faces only a "50-50" chance of passing.

Ironically, the suggestion for the flat tax first came from GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. In an opinion piece in The Washington Post in December 1994, Trachtenberg recommended that the District become a common-

wealth and be relieved of paying income taxes as a way to bring residents back in the city.

"I think I clearly contributed to that conversation," Trachtenberg said. "At the time, Eleanor Holmes Norton said it was a terrible idea, but has subsequently run with it Then (GOP vice presidential candidate) Jack Kemp seized on the idea."

Trachtenberg is less optimistic about the chances of the plan, saying he estimates it has a 10 percent chance of passing.

"Councilmembers are underpaid"

The 42-year-old councilman has been an active voice in District politics since the 1980s, serving as chairman of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission and in several other posts.

Evans was elected on April 30, 1991, to serve as councilman for Ward 2, beating out 15 competitors. He completed the term of former Ward 2 Councilman John Wilson, who was elected chairman of the Council and who died in office. Evans was re-elected in 1992.

He earns \$80,609 per year as a councilmember and also has his own private law practice with the firm Baker and Hostetler. District councilmembers are some of the best paid municipally elected officials in the country. Evans vigorously defended the size of council salaries. "If anything, the councilmembers are underpaid," Evans told The Washington Post.

Many in the District, however, feel the money could be better spent elsewhere. The head of Sigal Construction, one of the largest construction firms in the District and one that is involved in building schools in the Gaza Strip in Israel, said the state of District schools is worse than those run by the Palestinian Authority in the Middle East.

Evans chairs the Council's Committee on Public Services and Regional Authorities, which is responsible for overseeing the Department of Recreation and Parks and the D.C. Sports Authority. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and is also on the committees for consumer and regulatory affairs, economic development, judiciary and public works.

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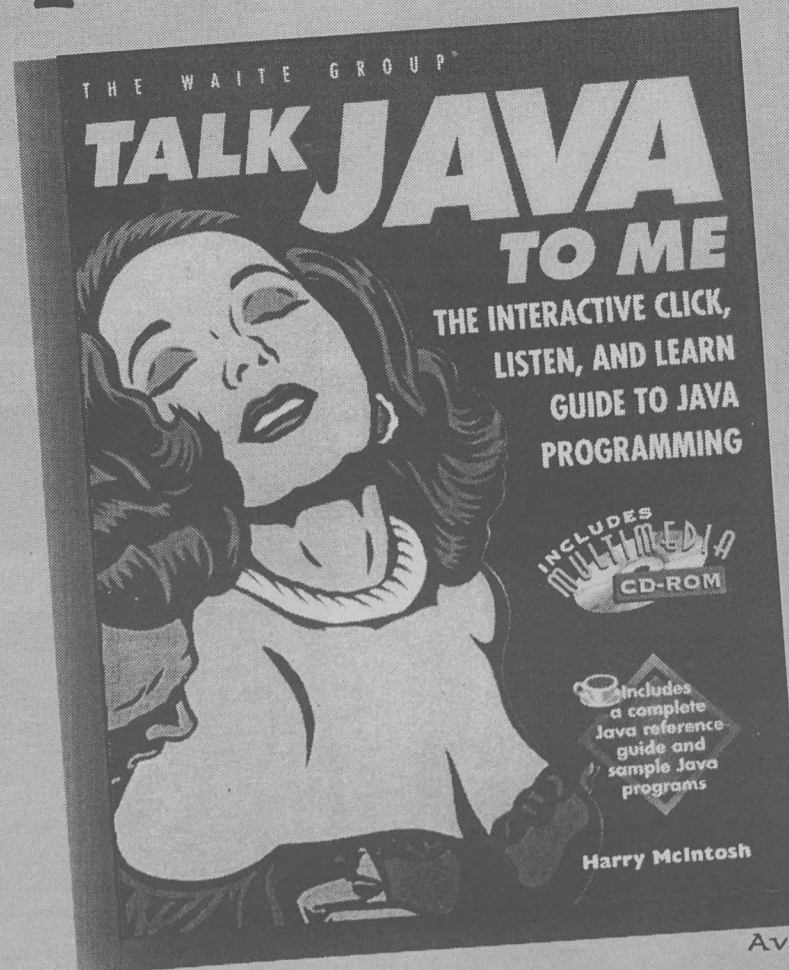
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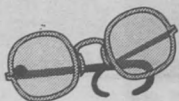
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Thrills are part of Recess' Halloween

Recess, GW's sketch comedy improv group, will hold its annual Halloween show Oct. 25 at midnight. The special performance will be held in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, instead of the group's usual location downstage at Lisner Auditorium.

Recess encourages all those attending to wear costumes. The group will award prizes during the intermission of the show. The people wearing the

two best costumes will win year-long free passes to Recess shows.

The hour-long Halloween show marks the premiere of RecessTV, a big-screen segment of the show, to go along with the skits and improvisation. Recess member Chris Himes said the night will also contain a "thriller" of a surprise.

Admission to the Halloween show is \$3.

—Karen D. Ancillai

ABC cracks down on underage drinking

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agreeing to appear in court at a later date.

Flicks Restaurant & Bar on 20th and L streets, Quigley's II on 18th and I streets and Sports Fans and Winston's, on 32nd and M streets, N.W., were among those targeted.

Each of the bars' proprietors could face a fine of up to \$6,500 for serving alcohol to minors and a year in jail if investigation of the establishments reveal previous violations.

In addition, a hearing also will be scheduled to decide whether the Cellar, at 2900 M Street, N.W., should be permitted to remain open since it has had other transgressions, Grossman said.

"This should act as a deterrent to anyone who wants to illegally drink on Halloween, or any other night," Grossman told The Post.

Those arrested are "scapegoats" (Police) are using the people they caught as an example," said freshman Amir Jahangir. "I think it will deter some people" from drinking if they are not of age.

"They shouldn't be drinking if they are underage," said junior Lee Chan, a resident assistant in the Dakota apartment building.

Board will decide fate at Friday meeting

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Sciences. "The George Washington University will always have a medical school," he said, adding that "everything we're doing is to strengthen the medical school."

The University put the hospital and the GW Health Plan medical insurance on the auction block in April of 1995, and has laid off workers in a series of moves designed in part to make the hospital more attractive to a potential buyer.

The Washington Post reported last week that two key suitors are pursuing a deal for the hospital. One of those, Medlantic Health Care Group, also owns Washington Hospital Center, which is already a training facility for GW medical students. The other company, Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., is the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain.

The Post reported that the Medlantic proposal would involve making Washington Hospital Center the main teaching facility for students. The paper also quoted GW sources saying the proposal had "serious deficiencies in relation to academics."

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GW attempts to raise alcohol awareness

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"tough" on underage drinkers and "no one is immune from the law."

On weekends, undercover MPD officers go to area clubs looking for those who might be drinking underage. A coordinated raid took place this weekend at seven area bars in an effort to target university students in Georgetown and Foggy Bottom.

Detectives pay cover charges, dance and look like other revelers until they ask an unsuspecting drinker if they can see his or her ID, officers at the awareness night said.

UPD regularly informs MPD of what clubs have been distributing fliers on campus advertising alcohol.

University representatives stressed that they weren't promoting abstinence through the awareness counseling programs, but they did want to educate students about the health dangers of alcohol and about alcohol-related crimes, such as sexual assault.

"Our goal isn't to encourage abstinence but to encourage healthy choices, what is high-risk drinking and what is low-risk drinking," said Connie Peyton of the University Counseling Center.

"While students mostly begin with a negative attitude to the University programs, nine out of 10 times we get a positive response from the student after they have completed the program," she said.

The University judicial system has three steps to confront alcohol convictions.

The first step, for first time offenders or minor offenses, is a half-hour peer education program.

The second step is the "Choice" program, for more moderate or numerous offenses, composed of a four-hour group session led by substance abuse counselors.

The third step, for serious offenses or chronic violators, is four one-hour sessions on a one-to-one basis with a professional substance counselor.

"We're seeing more serious case referrals" this year, said Mike Walker, administrator for Student Judicial Services, "along with the increase in overall referrals."

Peyton agreed. "We're seeing either serious cases or minor ones. There doesn't seem to be a middle ground."

Everyone involved in the process stressed safety as their first concern.

EMERG supervisor Shawn Gliner explained how his group fits in. He said "calling EMERG is always a better move than hiding the illness in the hope that your friend or roommate won't get written up."

"Which would you rather have," he asked, "your friend written up or us showing up and telling you that there is nothing that we can do for him?"

"An alcohol-related arrest will follow you wherever you go, either on academic or official records, showing up when you least expect it," said Lolita Armstrong, crime prevention and training coordinator for UPD. She also emphasized safety as the first concern.

"If we can save five people, then it will be worth spreading the word," Armstrong said.

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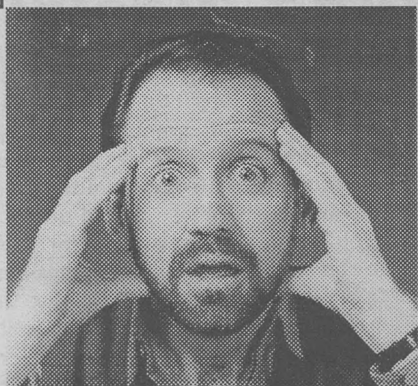
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SPORTS

Colonial Women come back to tie George Mason

Biggest match in school history truly lives up to advance billing

BY DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Even before the season began, everyone knew the game between the women's soccer teams from GW and George Mason would be a classic match-up.

The two teams are traditionally regional rivals, and just to make the stakes a little higher, both squads were nationally ranked going into their late-season match.

The two teams did not disappoint anyone, playing a thriller at South Riding Field Wednesday that ended in a 2-2 tie.

GW (9-4-2) was forced to play catch-up for much of the game, which was its last home match of the season. Even though they outplayed their opponents early, the Colonial Women found themselves trailing 2-0 midway through the first half after a pair of goals by Mason's Jenn Gross.

At that point, the Colonial Women could have packed it in and given up. But this GW team has refused to give away games all season.

"Coming from a 2-0 deficit, we showed a lot of character," head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski said of her 18th-ranked team. "I was very pleased with the result after being down 2-0. They really wanted this game bad."

The comeback started late in the first half, when GW had a flurry of scoring chances in front of the Lady Patriots' goal. A shot by

Kristin Robertson hit the crossbar, but Vicky Brunt followed with a shot that found the net in the 37th minute.

"(The goal) brought us up and got us back into the game," Brunt said. "At that point we still thought we had a shot (to win)."

Brunt is coming off a stellar week that earned her the Atlantic 10 Conference player of the week award. It was the third straight week a GW player was given the honor. She has scored a goal in each of her last four games and is the team's third leading scorer with 14 points.

"I'm a forward," Brunt said. "I'm up there to score. I've just been fortunate to get some game-winning goals."

Playing a big role in winning games has been a specialty for Brunt — she has netted three game-winners already this season.

GW's work wasn't finished yet, because it still trailed 2-1 entering the second half. The Colonial Women got their chance in the 70th minute when a Mason player had a handball in her own goal. Senior Tanya Vogel easily beat goaltender Jamie Pagliarulo on the ensuing penalty shot to knot the game at two.

Both teams threatened to score late in the game, but neither could convert. The Colonial Women's best opportunity came with 30 seconds left in regulation, when a shot by Kristin Davidson just missed the left post.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

The Colonial Women were in pursuit of George Mason all day long Wednesday, eventually coming away with a 2-2 tie.

The two teams also wasted both 15-minute overtime sessions. A Mason forward broke through GW's defense late in the second period, but goalie Traci Jensen, who had seven saves in the game, stopped the attacker single-handedly.

The tie against 17th-ranked Mason was another step forward

for a GW squad that is on the rise, according to Higgins-Cirovski.

"It hasn't been that long that we've been a top-20 team," Higgins-Cirovski said. "(George Mason) has won one national championship and has had the reputation of being one of the best teams in the country. Our team hasn't quite gotten used to the fact

that we're a winner."

But GW is quickly becoming a winner. It has a realistic chance of making the field of 32 for this year's NCAA Tournament. The team's next two games — Saturday at Fordham and next Tuesday at Delaware — are must-win matches if the Colonial Women are to keep their post-season hopes alive.

The Wizard's Words

1996 GW women's soccer: cool heads finally prevail

Usually, when one of The GW Hatchet's esteemed sports columnists writes about a sport other than basketball, the message is the same. Please go to the volleyball games. Please go to the soccer games. The games are fun, we promise.

Well, this year, it would be tough to ask people to go to a soccer game, and that's the school's fault. I mean, I've been to South Riding Field, and it is far.

But even if you can't see them, any GW sports fan should at least be aware of the season our women's soccer team is putting together. What head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski has done with this team is impressive. Wednesday's tie with George Mason left GW with a 9-4-2 record, and at least a fighting chance of getting into the 32-team NCAA Tournament, pending its last few games.

Only eight conferences receive automatic bids to the tournament, and the Atlantic 10 is not one of them. The key to getting into the tournament is regional play, and that's why the Mason game was so important. While it wasn't a win, it did complete a great run against local teams, which included wins over Virginia and William & Mary, two traditional local powerhouses.

Following the tie, Higgins-Cirovski said her team "hasn't quite gotten used to the fact that we're a winner." Maybe not, but her players have come a long way.

Each of the last three seasons I've followed the Colonial Women closely as a reporter and editor, and consistently rolled my eyes whenever they'd lose some nail-biter to a ranked team, clearly showing their talent, but not necessarily the confidence to win in big games. In '93, we saw close losses to Mason, James Madison and a frustrating loss to Massachusetts in the A-10 tournament.

1994 was the most frustrating. En route to a 12-8 record, GW beat every single team it should have, but had a horrendous record against the nation's elite, although the games were always close. The team lost to Virginia, North Carolina, Duke, James Madison, George Mason and had two one-goal losses against UMass. I covered nearly all those games, and the team always had the right answers after it lost.

After last season, which featured a bunch of injuries, more tough losses to good teams, and more calm reactions, I was ready to give up on this team. This year, however, Higgins-Cirovski and company seem to have turned the corner, and it sure is nice to see (or at least hear about games you can't get to).

—Ben Osborne

Spikers fall to George Mason

Colonial Women suffer straight-game loss to local rival

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

After a successful swing through New England last weekend, the GW women's volleyball team had one more obstacle between it and a five-game homestand that begins Friday afternoon.

That obstacle was a match against local rival George Mason University, a squad that has been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams for much of the season. Wednesday night, GMU showed why.

Great serving and solid play helped Mason to a straight-set victory over the Colonial Women. The 22nd ranked Lady Patriots won before a boisterous home crowd by a final of 15-2, 15-7, 15-7.

GW may have lost more than just the match, however. Sophomore Mya Eveland injured her ankle during the match, but the severity of the injury was not immediately known.

Despite the lopsided final score, "(GW) did some good things during the match," head coach Susie Homan said. "We

had some brilliant moments."

After a spell of less-than-competitive play in the match's first game, the Colonial Women fought back to give GMU a run in the last two games. The Lady Patriots went up 10-2 in the second game only to see GW rattle



Anna Krimmel

off five quick points and put itself back in the match. Mason responded after a time-out, however, and back-to-back service aces effectively put game 2 out of GW's reach.

The Colonial Women stayed close through the early stages of the third game, but the Lady

Patriots pulled away through the game's middle points and ran away with the victory.

Injury aside, Eveland was GW's stand-out performer Wednesday night. Her five kills and five digs place her second in both categories for the Colonial Women, and her six block assists led the match. Senior Anna Krimmel led GW with six kills while sophomores Anne Fitzgerald and Tai Bethune led the Colonial Women with six digs apiece. Senior Kate Haubenreich had 17 assists.

With a lengthy road trip finally behind them, the Colonial Women begin a five-game homestand with a match against Fordham at 1 p.m. Friday. GW hosts La Salle at 7 p.m. Friday and Temple Saturday at 6 p.m. "It's going to be a good match against Temple for sure," Homan said.

The Colonial Women dropped a tough straight-set match at Temple in September. During that same weekend, GW scored victories at Fordham (3-1) and La Salle (3-0).

The Colonial Women are now 8-13 on the season

SPORTS

Men's and women's cross country teams struggle on the road

BY KRISTIAN HOUSE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The GW men's cross country team took ninth place overall at the 28th Annual Penn State Open National Invitational Oct. 20. The day before, the GW women competed in the Navy Women's Cross Country Invitational and finished seventh overall out of nine teams.

Senior John Hammond was once again the top GW finisher at this weekend's race, which was held at University Park, Pa. He came in with a time of 27:23 and was 33rd out of 147 runners.

Eric Brousseau finished 42nd with a time of 27:35, and Jason Weber came in behind him with a time of 27:42 and 51st place overall. These three runners have consistently been the top GW runners since the beginning of the season.

"It was a very high caliber meet with a lot of national class teams. All the teams that beat us are legitimate national contenders," sophomore Zac Halm said of the 10-team meet.

The first place individual finisher with a time of 26:05 was Karl Paranya of Haverford College. The host, Penn State, took first place in overall team standings.

Halm, Jeff McCarthy, Dan Urriano, Kyu Rhee and Tim Assal also ran in the event.

"We made some progress, but we still have a long way to go if we want

to win conference," Hammond said.

Bridget Quenzer finished in fourth place overall in the women's race, coming in 16 seconds behind the top runner with a time of 18:49. "Bridget ran excellent, and she beat a girl who had run in the nationals," head coach Greg Coan said.

Following Quenzer in 22nd and 39th places were Amanda Roebels and Lauren Edwards with times of 19:47 and 20:22, respectively.

GW runners Nikki Hutt, Courtney Bellows, Tara Short, Caryn Hill and Lisa Faia also ran in the rain-soaked event.

The Mount St. Mary's (Md.) team beat out host Navy for first place at the event held in Annapolis, Md.

George Mason's Amina Amaddah was the first place finisher with a time of 18:33.

Coan said that "the women got hurt team-wise because Lauren (Edwards) didn't run well" due to an injury. Edwards, a junior, has been the top women's runner for the past few races.

The teams are looking forward to competing in the upcoming Atlantic 10 Conference championship and must work hard to finish well.

"There are three to four teams leading the conference and we're behind them," Coan said. "We're fighting with two or three other teams to get into that first pack."

The GW cross country teams will next compete Nov. 2 in the Atlantic 10 championship, hosted by Fordham in New York City.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

The GW men's cross country team finished ninth at the Penn State Open National Invitational Oct. 20.

The Lisner Hippo

Hippo expects the Pack to stay hot

The Hippo looks like he's back on track.

He survived a few scares, however, last week. His beloved Elvis Grbac is down and out, and the Ravens almost beat the Broncos. Week 9 in the NFL is the place to be this week, as old rivalries clash and new rivalries begin. This is the week to get your homework done on Thursday and find a TV on Sunday, because some mighty good football games are on the tube. As always, these picks are for entertainment use only, and any reprinting is not permitted without the express written consent of Major League Baseball.

Buccaneers at Packers: OK, OK, the Hippo admits he's taking an easy one here. After Bucs' WR Alvin Harper lost part of a finger in a freak accident with a scissors (even the trainers are bad in Tampa), the rest of the team will be lost in a freak accident at Lambeau Field this week. The Packers will roll. Pick: Packers by 17.

49ers at Oilers: The 49ers will be cautious in this game, after almost losing to another AFC cen-

tral team, the Bengals, last week. The interesting aspect of this game will be to see who starts at quarterback. Both Grbac and Steve Young are injured, so whoever starts the game will be hamburger for the Oilers. The Hippo likes the Niners, but he just doesn't trust their offensive line. Pick: Oilers by 3.

Colts at Redskins: This game is the first test of the season for the Redskins. The Colts are banged up, bruised and morally down after the loss at home to New England last week. The Redskins are slowly learning how to win football games. The Colts won't fall for the Leslie Shepherd reverse (like everybody else has), so head coach Norv Turner will have to keep it simple. Translation: Terry Allen, Terry Allen and more Terry Allen. Pick: Redskins by 7.

Chiefs at Broncos: The Hippo was feeling mighty fine at the end of last week's Broncos-Ravens game. He knows better than to pick against Elway at home, so he won't do it again this week. Marcus Allen will break the touchdown record this week, however. Denver

simply can't defend against the run. Pick: Broncos by 10.

Cowboys at Dolphins: Before the Hippo talks about this game, he has one question: Where did the Falcons come from last week? The worst team in the NFL almost upsets the champs? Wow. This game is all hype. The Hippo is disappointed in both of these teams. At 4-3, they're certainly not Super Bowl bound. Pick: Cowboys by 3.

Bills at Patriots: Could someone please find the Buffalo Bill offense? They almost lost to the Jets, for pete's sake! Pick: Patriots by 13.

Bears at Vikings on Monday Night: What ever happened to the black and blue division? The Vikings and the Baby Cubs are powerhouses no longer. What used to be an all-out war of ground control has now turned into a high-flying death-defying passing game. Ho-Hum. Where have you gone, Bud Grant and Mike Ditka? Pick: Vikings by 7.

Last week: 5-2
Season: 29-16

-Tryg Olsen

University takes action on swimmers Suspensions handed out; team will not forfeit any meets

BY JARED SHER

HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The University has completed its investigation of the GW swim team, and officials said that whatever sanctions were handed out, the squad will not have to forfeit any meets.

According to a University Relations press release, "Disciplinary proceedings have been completed and appropriate sanctions assigned to some members of the team."

Officials acknowledged that some members of the team will be suspended for some time as a result of the alleged hazing and alcohol violations that took place in early September. More than 30 members of the men's and women's swim teams originally were under investigation.

Athletic Director Jack Kvance said this week that he's not certain of the exact number of players suspended, but he acknowledged that some athletes will miss time. He said some of the players that were under investigation will have to undergo counseling as well.

The University would not comment about the specifics of the case, citing confidentiality rules and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which prohibits officials from discussing disciplinary proceedings involving students.

Assistant Dean of Students Jan-Mitchell Sherrill, however, said the "swim team is still very much in existence."

Sherrill said the dean of students office investigated individuals and their actions, not the team as a whole. He added, how-

ever, that if individuals "happen to be part of a team" and are placed on probation, "probation can affect privileged activities, which can include athletics."

While he could not specify how many members of the team were sanctioned, he said the dean of students office does have the authority to prevent athletes from competing. The office cannot throw an athlete off a team entirely, though.

The investigation stemmed from a complaint filed by one member of the swim team in September. The player allegedly said he was hazed and forced to drink alcohol by other members of the team. Officials said the actions under investigation were not limited solely to alcohol violations.

-Ben Osborne contributed to this report.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GW soccer players earn A-10 accolades

Senior forward Vicky Brunt of the women's soccer team earned Atlantic 10 Conference player of the week honors for the week ending Oct. 20.

Brunt scored the winning goals in both GW victories last week. She scored with 1:37 left to play to give the Colonial Women a 2-1 victory over then-10th ranked Virginia Oct. 15, and then scored the only goal in GW's Oct. 19 win at Virginia Tech.

Rookie goalkeeper Colin Berenhaut of the men's team garnered a nice honor of his own Monday, earning A-10 rookie of the week. Berenhaut spearheaded a

tough GW defense last weekend, notching 2-0 shutouts over Xavier and Dayton.

Berenhaut is now second in the A-10 with eight wins, and his 1.47 goals against average ranks him sixth in the league. The rookie of the week award was his second of the season.

Squash team begins practice

Fall practices have begun for the GW men's intercollegiate squash team. Freshmen and sophomores are strongly encouraged to try out for the team.

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email at gwsquash@gwis2.circ.edu or at the Web site <http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/gwsquash>.

Water polo team drops game in San Diego

After a weekend tournament for which results were unavailable as The GW Hatchet went to press, GW lost 17-13 to UC-San Diego Tuesday night. The ninth-ranked Tritons led 5-3 after the first quarter and never relinquished the lead.

The Colonials, playing without suspended head coach Andy Turnage, were led by Brent S. oll with five goals and Rush Taylor, who tallied three.

-Ben Osborne

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